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This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1-40 canceled.

41. (New)   A method for controlling display on a display apparatus in response to one or more processing units, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether or not to provide an authorization to acquire one of a plurality of predefined display areas in response to an acquisition request for the one of a plurality of predefined display areas from one of the processing units; and

monitoring whether or not the authorization to acquire the one of a plurality of display areas is provided to a processing unit when a display command is implemented by the processing unit;

wherein when acquisition requests for the one of a plurality of predefined display areas are received from a plurality of processing units, the authorization is provided to one and only one of a plurality of processing units requesting for the one of a plurality of predefined display areas.

42. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 41, further comprising the step of prohibiting an implementation of the display command by an unauthorized processing unit on the one of a plurality of predefined display areas.

43. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 41, wherein the predefined display area is a plane which is to be mapped onto a screen.

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44. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 41, wherein the processing unit is an application.

45. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 41, wherein the processing unit is a plurality of applications.

46. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 41, wherein the authorization is provided to the processing unit having a higher priority.

47. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 41, further comprising the step of notifying the one of the processing units whether or not the authorization is given.

48. (New)   A method of controlling display on a display apparatus in response to one or more processing units, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving acquisition requests for acquiring same one of a plurality of predefined display areas from a plurality of processing units,

determining to provide an authorization for one and only one of a plurality of processing units requesting for the same one of a plurality of predefined display areas; and

monitoring whether or not the authorization to acquire the same one of a plurality of display areas is provided to a processing unit when a display command is implemented by the processing unit.

49. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 48, further comprising the step of prohibiting an implementation of the display command by an unauthorized processing unit on the one of a plurality of predefined display areas.

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50. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 48, wherein the predefined display

area is a plane which is to be mapped onto a screen.

51. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 48, wherein the processing unit is

an application.

52. (New)   A controlling method according to claim 48, wherein the processing unit is

a plurality of applications.